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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING NAMING SERVICE IN DISTRIBUTED
PROCESSING SYSTEM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the

Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached form

PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the references be expressly considered during the

prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear

among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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fee is required.

The following are brief comments on the subject matter of the five listed items.

1) Item 1 discloses a technique regarding a so-called wide area load dispersion system and method for performing load dispersion and failure avoidance between each of the pair of servers respectively provided within each of the networks different from each other.

2) Item 2 discloses a name resolver for resolving a name of host for a space including a plurality of domain names.

3) Item 3 discloses a management selecting method for a server application by which a client application is arranged to appropriately select an available server, and to connect it to a network.

4) Item 4 discloses an apparatus and a method for a directory service by which processing load can be made reduced when the whole system is synchronized.

5) With respect to Item 5, descriptions in paragraph [0019] can be read as "Fig. 3 shows one example of an arrangement of a transmitter-side directory server 101. In a directory memory unit 302, directories with structures shown in Fig. 2 can be stored. A directory operating unit 301 is arranged to add data into the directory memory unit 302, and to delete data having been stored in the directory memory unit 302. Information on an updating operation performed by the directory operating unit 301 can be supplied to an updated information generation unit 303. At the updated information generation unit 303, updated information can be generated in response to an updating operation, which updated information is used for copying the updated data of a directory to another directory having been provided within a pair of receiver-side directory servers 102 and 102".

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